

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information reproducing apparatus, comprising:  
a secure module that stores a first information, wherein the  
secure module can not be accessed from outside;  
5 a memory that stores a second information, wherein the memory  
can be accessed from outside; and  
a falsification checking unit that is loaded on the secure module,  
wherein the falsification checking unit reads the second information  
from the memory by direct access, compares the second information  
10 with the first information in the secure module, and checks a  
falsification of the second information based on a result of the  
comparison.
2. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1,  
15 wherein the falsification checking unit reads all of the second  
information.
3. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the falsification checking unit reads a part of the second  
20 information.
4. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the falsification checking unit performs the comparison of the  
first information and the second information using a checksum method.

5. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the second information is software.
6. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1,  
5 wherein the falsification checking unit reads the second information  
from the memory on an irregularly basis.
7. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising:
- 10 an updating unit that is loaded on the secure module and that  
updates the second information in the memory using a direct access  
method, wherein  
the falsification checking unit reads the second information  
updated by the updating unit.
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8. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 7,  
wherein the updating unit updates the second information on an  
irregularly basis.
- 20 9. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 7,  
wherein the updating unit updates a part of the second information.
10. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising:
- 25 a storage control unit that is loaded on the secure module,

wherein the storage control unit changes original information, and stores the changed information as the second information into the memory.

5    11.    The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein when the second information is updated, the storage control unit hands over the second information from the pre-updating information to the post-updating information.

10   12.    The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the storage control unit encrypts the original information using a key that exists in the secure module, and stores the encrypted original information as the second information into the memory.

15   13.    The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:  
         a key managing unit that is loaded on the secure module,  
         wherein the key managing unit holds a key used to encrypt or decode  
         the second information, and the key managing unit supplies the key to  
20   the storage control unit, if the falsification checking unit does not detect a falsification.

         14.    The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the key supplied by the key managing unit is valid only for a  
25   predefined period of time.

15. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 13,  
wherein the key managing unit changes the key each time the key  
managing unit supplies the key to the storage control unit.

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16. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 13,  
wherein when the falsification checking unit detects a falsification, the  
key managing unit does not supply the key to the storage control unit.

10 17. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising:

a writing unit that is loaded on the secure module, wherein the  
writing unit writes a secret information within the secure module into the  
memory as the second information using the direct access method,

15 wherein

the falsification checking unit checks falsification of the second  
information based on response information corresponding to the secret  
information.

20 18. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 17,  
wherein the secret information is stored in a controlled memory space,  
wherein

the controlled memory space is such that a normal information is  
read out from the memory space at a first time and a different

25 information is read out at a second time.

19. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the second information is encrypted MPEG data.

5 20. An information reproducing method comprising:

a reading step, which is executed within a secure module, of  
reading second information stored in a memory, wherein the secure  
module stores a first information, and the secure module can not be  
accessed from outside, and the memory can be accessed from outside

10 using a direct access method; and

a falsification checking step of comparing the second  
information with the first information, and checking a falsification of the  
second information based on a result of the comparison.

15 21. A secure module mounted to an information reproducing  
apparatus, comprising:

a reading unit that reads a second information from a memory  
mounted to a information reproducing apparatus by direct access, the  
memory can be accessed from outside; and;

20 a falsification checking unit that compares the second  
information with a first information in the secure module, and checks a  
falsification of the second information based on a result of the  
comparison.

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22. The secure module according to claim 21, wherein the reading unit reads all of the second information.

23. The secure module according to claim 21, wherein the reading  
5 unit reads a part of the second information.

24. The secure module according to claim 21, wherein the falsification checking unit performs the comparison of the first information and the second information using a checksum method.

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25. The secure module according to claim 21, wherein the second information is software.

26. The secure module according to claim 21, wherein the reading  
15 unit reads the second information from the memory on an irregularly basis.

27. The secure module according to claim 21, further comprising:  
an updating unit that updates the second information in the  
20 memory using a direct access method, wherein  
the falsification checking unit reads the second information  
updated by the updating unit.

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28. The secure module according to claim 27, wherein the updating unit updates the second information on an irregularly basis.

29. The secure module according to claim 27, wherein the updating  
5 unit updates a part of the second information.

30. The secure module according to claim 21, further comprising:  
a storage control unit that changes original information, and  
stores the changed information as the second information into the  
10 memory.

31. The secure module according to claim 30, wherein when the second information is updated, the storage control unit hands over the second information from the pre-updating information to the  
15 post-updating information.

32. The secure module according to claim 30, wherein the storage control unit encrypts the original information using a key that exists in the secure module, and stores the encrypted original information as the  
20 second information into the memory.

33. The secure module according to claim 21, further comprising:  
a key managing unit that holds a key used to encrypt or decode the second information, and the key managing unit supplies the key to  
25 the storage control unit, if the falsification checking unit does not detect

a falsification.

34. The secure module according to claim 33, wherein the key  
supplied by the key managing unit is valid only for a predefined period  
5 of time.

35. The secure module according to claim 33, wherein the key  
managing unit changes the key each time the key managing unit  
supplies the key to the storage control unit.

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36. The secure module according to claim 33, wherein when the  
falsification checking unit detects a falsification, the key managing unit  
does not supply the key to the storage control unit.

15 37. The secure module according to claim 21, further comprising:  
a writing unit that writes a secret information within the secure  
module into the memory as the second information using the direct  
access method, wherein  
the falsification checking unit checks falsification of the second  
20 information based on response information corresponding to the secret  
information.

38. The secure module according to claim 37, wherein the secret  
information is stored in a controlled memory space, wherein  
25 the controlled memory space is such that a normal information is



read out from the memory space at a first time and a different information is read out at a second time.

39. The secure module according to claim 21, wherein the second  
5 information is encrypted MPEG data.

40. A recording medium that records a program for causing a secure module mounted to an information reproducing apparatus to execute a process, the program causes the secure module to execute steps of:

10 a reading step of reading a second information stored in a memory mounted to the information reproducing apparatus, wherein the secure module stores a first information, and the secure module can not be accessed from outside, and the memory can be accessed from outside using a direct access method; and

15 a falsification checking step of comparing the second information with the first information, and checking a falsification of the second information based on a result of the comparison.